## NEW TEXAN OIL FIELD LOGATED

#### A LARGE GUSHER.

#### The Well is Located Near the Gulf of Mexico and in New Territory-Land Being Leased.

J. M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, Pa., has just struck in Teaxs what promises to be a phenomenal oil gusher. The well was drilled in last Thursday and began to belch forth oil at an estimated rate of On Saturday 15,000 barrels a day. On Saturday Mr. Guffey received a telegram saying that the production of the well had increased to 20,000 barrels. Sunday night Mr. Guffey received another telegram which stated that the well was flowing at the rels a day. A lake of fully 50,000 bar-rels of oil has been formed by banking and damming a ravine into which the

well product flows.

The strike was made at a depth of about 1,000 feet, and the specific gravity of the product is about 37 degrees; the same as that of the oil from the Corsicana development, which is 240 miles northwest of the present well.

Land trading divides excitement with coll. Hundreds of leases have been negotiated and every foot of ground for 20 miles around the property is being tapped for signs of oil. Large orders for special machinery are being sent out. and representatives of syndicates are sending away scores of cipher telegrams Beaumont, Port Arthur and Sabine Pass are wildly hilarious at the developments

#### RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS.

#### Figures of the Bureau of Statistics Have Nearly Doubled Since 1896.

The manufacturers of the country hav imported more raw material for use in manufacturing in the year 1000 than in any preceding year in the history of our import trade. The total material of for-eign production imported in a crude condition during the year just ender amounts to over \$275,000,000, and if to this is added the total of "articles wholly or partially manufactured for use as materials in manufacturing" the grand total of manufacturers' materials imported would amount to over \$160,000. coo, or nearly 45 per cent, of the total importations. This statement is base! upon 11 months' detailed figures already received by the treasury bureau of sta-tistics, to which is added an estimate for the twelfth month. December, basel upon the figures of the preceding month. This statement puts the importation of This statement puts the importation of law material in the 12 months ending with December, 1900, at \$276,628,000, against \$267,403,050 in 1800; \$162,,172,735 in 1896, and \$160,523,494 in 1894.

#### PLAN NEW CAMPAIGN.

#### Irish Members of Parliament Hope to Get Home Rule.

The Irish nationalists are preparing for a vigorous campaign at the coming session of parliament.

The difference between the factions

are settled, and the general sentiment one of uncompromising determination to assert Ireland's right to self-gov-ernment along the lines laid down by Charles Stewart Parnell.

There is no hope of any concession of Irish home rule by Lord Salisbury's government, but something may be wrung from the Tories in the way of wiping out the remaining evils of land

The Irish cause was never more hopeful than to-day, for the greater the troubles of England abroad the better the prospect for the vindication of Irish rights.

### CUBA'S NEW CONSTITUTION.

#### Congress Will be Asked to Dispose of Cubar Question.

Menzbers of the Cuban constitutional convention have decided to complete the work by January 28, when Congress will be asked to dispose of the Cuban question. Natives demand that pledges be carried out. The constitution will be similar to that of the United State. The president is elected for six years There will be six states, each with : governor and a legislature, the former having absolute veto power. Rela-tions with the United States are left to the first congress that meets upon the

### RAIDED MOONSHINERS.

#### Government Officers Confiscate an Illicit Still. But Owners Escape.

W. J. Dixon, revenue inspector of the Twenty-third district of Pennsylvania assisted by F. O. Dupont and 'Squire Gildner, of Rockwood, captured the largest still ever taken in the county. There were two large copper kettles, with a capacity of about 240 gallons, both bright and lately put to use. There were also eight coils of copper, known as a worm. The still was situated in a ravine in the heart of the Laurel Hill mountain. Two paid guides le l them to the spot. The moonshiners would have been captured, but a gun was fired as a signal when the officers were within 200 yards of the place.

### Fatal Crush in Theater.

A harmless little spark, mounting up ward through a register in the Twelfth Street Turner hall, Chicago, caused some timid person in the packed audi-torium to cry "Fire." This caused a panic, and in the struggle of 600 women and children to get out, seven, three children, and four women, were crushed to death, while 22 were injured and eight are missing.

### Samoans Receive Money.

The money, amounting to over \$41,-000, which the government of Great Britain, Germany and the United States promised to pay the Samoans for the surrender of their arms after the last war, is now being distributed. There is yet a large number of guns held by the Samoans of German-Samoa, and Governor Solf has issued orders requesting the delivery of all guns held by natives to the Government before the end of the month.

#### LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Count Lamsdorf has been appointed Russian minister of foreign affairs.

Federal authorities are taking steps to stop threats to Millionaire Cudahy. No Knife, the last chief of the Omaha Indian tribe, is dead, aged 115 years. A mine boss at Steubenville, O., is threatened with assassination by anarch-

Incendiaries attempted to destroy the Cudahy mansion at Omaha, Neb., Fri-

General O. O. Howard favors the army canteen and says Congress has nade a mistake.

William Waldorf Astor has made an other gift of \$25,000 for the families of soldiers.

Dr. Pupin's discoveries at Columbia miversity makes telephoning across the Atlantic now possible. The congressional committee secures

additional important evidence in its inpury into the Booz case. Efforts of a faithful sister finally secured William W. Kennedy's pardon

rom the Indiana penitentiary,

The Pawnill Lake Irrigation Com-pany, of Kausas City, Mo., capital \$1,000,000, has been incorporated. London physicians claim the elixir of life, known as sodium chloride or com-mon salt, is many centuries old.

An explosion of gas in coal mine No, at Hondo, Cahuila, Mexico, killed our men and injured 20 others.

Ex-Congressman Hogg, of West Virginia, life-long Democrat, announces is conversion to Republicanism. From Berlin it is denied that Germany

is trying to place a loan of 600,000,000 marks in New York and London. Absolute control of the vast interest of the nation's express companies said to be the plan of railroad magnates.

Rankin Clemens, a wealthy farmer of ayette county, Ky., will probably die s the result of an assault by robbers.

The act for the organization of the netropolitan police of Manila has been passed by the Philippine commission. Patrick Doody and James Hoolihar

were fatally injured by an explosion in the Standard Oil works in Brooklyn. Russia's representative denies any in-ention on the part of his government o make separate treaties with China.

The Greene county (Ark.) bank sur pended and went into the hands of a re-ceiver. There is a shortage of \$34.000.

Twenty nurses have resigned from the Bellevne hospital, New York, and more ensational developments are expected Filipino civil officers notify insurgent leaders that they must lay down their arms or be hunted by their own country-

The law department of the Wisconsin university has been closed, owing to a case of smallpox among the 300 stu-

The transport Sheridan has sailed from Manila with 27 officers and 654 men of the Thirty-seventh volunteer in-

Ex-Councilman H. F. Lehan, of Cambridge, Mass., has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for illegal natural-

T. W. Lewis, an American locomotive engineer, imprisoned in Mexico because his train ran down a native, has been

released. A resolution has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature favoring elec-tion of United States senators by popu-

The Escuadra gold mine, near Ouc-tian, state of Oaxaca, Mexico, has been sold to a New York syndicate for \$3.-

500,000, Fire starting on the steamer Idlewild, in the Erje basin, at New York, did \$500,000 damage to shipping, stores and

The heaviest snowstorm that has vis ited Colorado in many years is now rag-ing. Most of the railroads are entirely ing. Most blockaded.

Many measures for the benefit of the farmer will be pushed by State agricultural department in the Pennsylvania

Receivers have been appointed for the Wilson Mercantile Company, of Wash-ington, Ind., which went into voluntary bankruptcy.

The United States gunboats Annapolis, Frolic, Wompatuck and Piscata-qua have sailed from Hamilton, Ber-muda, for Manila.

At Philadelphia, Pa., John Gee, 16 years of age, committed suicide with a revolver. He had been reprimanded by his mother for laziness.

Samuel R. Vansant was inaugurated governor of Minnesota Wednesday. Robert Pitcairn, superintendent of he Pennsylvania railroad, has been ap-

pointed brigadier general for the inaug-ural parade at Washington. The Cowenhaven tunnel, near Aspen

Colo. was discovered on fire Wednes-day. The fire is soar the Smuggler mine and is considered dangerous. Thomas C. Mosher, a young farmer, was murdered at Gorham, Me., his aged

mother nearly killed and the premises looted by a negro and a white man. Fourteen hundred and fifty pounds of fynamite exploded at Colchester Point, Vt., while the workmen were all at din-

According to the annual report of the New York state commissioner of prisons, drunkenness throughout the state has increased to an alarming ex-

Capt. C. W. King, charged with ac cepting bribes from a contractor on government work at Mobile, Ala., is being investigated by the war depart-

At Trenton, N. J., application has been made in the United States circuit court for the appointment of a receiver for the Cuban Land and Steamship Company.

Carupano, the last town occupied by the Colombian revolutionists, has sur-rendered. The departments of Bolivia and Magdalena are said to have been completely pacified.

Sevante Anderson, a Swede, shot and killed his wife and probably fatally wounded his mother and 5-year-old boy at their home in Jamaica Plain. Mass. He then killed himself.

The meeting of the Beet Sugar asso-ciation at Detroit adopted resolutions protesting against any reciprocity which would admit tropical sugars to the American market free of duty.

# THE BOERS STRIKE ANOTHER BLOW

### DESPERATE RAIDS.

#### Dewet Flogged and Shot British Subjects Went to Arrange Terms of Peace. Lord Kitchener Reports.

Gen. Kitchener reports as follows from Pretoria, under date of Sunday: About 1,400 Boers crossed the line, attacking both Zuurfontein and Kaalfontacking both Zuuriontein and Kaalion-tein stations, but were driven off. They are being pursued by a cavalry brigade. Three agents of the peace committee were taken as prisoners to Dewet's laager, near Lindley. One, who was a British subject, was flogged and then shot. The other two, burghers, were flogged by Dewet's orders.

Details of the attacks upon Kaalfon-tein Zuurfontein show that there were only small garrisons of about 120 men at each station. The British had excel-lent trenches, which enabled them to withstand the attacks until the Boers, having ascertained that reinforcements were coming to the garrisons, retired At Zuuriontein a party of Boers in khaki captured a British patrol of eight men, whom they subsequently liberated

#### SITUATION IS WORSE.

#### England Greatly Worrled Over the Condition in South Africa.

The situation in South Africa grow vorse rather than better. Lord Kitch ner's dispatches are more laconic tha those of Lord Roberts and little else of importance is allowed to come through The London Times in an editorial finds comfort in the thought that the "pro-cess of attrition is doing its work and must shortly lead to the inevitable remust shortly lead to the mevitable re-sult." In other quarters, however, there is less satisfaction with the position of affairs, which has practically necessitat-ed the fortification of Cape Town. No steps have been taken to comply with Lord Kitchener's demands for reinforce-

Friday morning's dispatches report that a small party of Boers carried off cattle close to the east fort at Pretoria. Nine hundred Boers under Commandant Kritzinger are 13 miles from Richnond, in the direction of Murraysburg Rumors are spreading at Porterville that the rebels have joined the Boers in the Calvinia district. Kitchener's latest report of fights along the railroad be-tween Pretoria and the coast says that I British were killed and 62 wounded.

### MONSTER LAND DEAL.

#### Last of the Federal Land Grant of 1864 Has Been Sold.

What is said to be the largest real estate transaction ever made in the Northwest was closed Saturday, whereby the Northern Pacific Railway Com-pany disposes of the entire remaining portion of the Federal land grant of 1864 to a syndicate composed of Manka-

to and St. Paul capitalists.

The lands lie in North Dakota, be-tween the Missouri and the James rivers, and embraces a tract of a mil-lion and a half acres. The lands are lion and a half acres. The lands are mostly wild, but include some of the finest ranch property in the West. Set-tlements will be pushed at once and al-ready applications have been received rom more than 700 families desiring iomes upon the tract.

### Commodore Henderson Dead.

Commodore Alexander Henderson, chief engineer United States navy, retired, is dead at his home in Yonkers, N. Y. Commodore Henderson was born in Washington, D. C., on July 12, 1832. He entered the navy as a third assistant engineer in February, 1851. He was in Commodore Perry's fleet which was in Commodore Perry's fleet which visited the Orient in 1852-5, and opened are reported. Japan to intercourse with westers civilization. He served in the Mediter-ranean in 1857, and took part in the Paraguay expedition in 1858. He again served in the Mediterranean in 1859 and 1860, and in the Northroughout the Civil War. Northern fleet

### Another Kidnaping.

Frank G. Thompson, son of a wealthy farmer living near Steward, Ill., is missing from his home, and it is believed has been kidnaped. A reward of \$500 has been offered by the youth's fathe for any information concerning the whereabouts, and double that amount will be paid for his return.

### To Raise Tea in the South.

The announcement was made by the agricultural department in Washington a few days ago that two syndicates were being formed to raise tea in large quantities on the fertile truck lands near Charleston. Following this statement is the announcement that Connecticut millionaires have negotiated for the pur chase of more than 4,000 acres of land near Charleston, where 300,000 pounds of tea would be raised annually for the would probably be bought for the use

### German Canal Figures.

The enlarged canal bill introduced in the lower house of the diet at Berlin provides for the Midland canal 260,000, 900 marks; for the Berlin Stettin canal, 41,000,000 marks; for the improvement of the Warthe and a connection with the Vistula, 23,000,000 marks; for the Oder tidewater canal, 41,000,000 marks, and for the Havel and Spree canal, 19,-000,000 marks, a total of 384,000,000 marks. The finance minister is empowcred to sell bonds to raise the neces sary funds,

### A Reward Offered.

Capt. N. H. Frazer, of Union Springs, Ala., has offered through Chief of Police Hixon, of that city, \$500 reward for the return of his son, Bass Frazer, who is supposed to have been kidnaped from Atlanta Technological school, whence he disappeared on January 5 He is 19 years old, and Mr. Frazer has received letters purporting to come from kidnapers, saying they are holding the boy for ransoms.

### RICH PICKING.

#### Nearly \$18,000 in Money, Promissory Notes and Jewelry Carried Away-Work of Professionals, No Clue.

When David Ozier, of Shiloh, O. opened the safe of the Exchange Bank Tuesday morning, he found just two two-cent stamps with which to begin two-cent stamps with which to begin the business of the day. All the contents of the safe were taken by cracksmen who looted the bank at an early hour Tuesday morning and secured from \$17,000 to \$18,000. They got something over \$3,000 in money and considerable jewelry and other valuables, but the bulk of the booty was \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of notes. A few of these were secured by mortgages, but the greater part were promissory notes ranging from \$10 to \$500 each, representing money loaned by Mr. Ozier to the farmers of that neighborhood and for which he now has nothing to show.

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With tools stolen from the railroad section house, near the station, the rob-bers forced open the front door of the building. A hole was drilled in the combination of the safe and worked the combination by hand. The safe was closed after being rifled and everything

closed after being rifled and everything was left in order. The burglars then drove to Norwalk, 25 miles away, where they turned the stolen rigs into a field. The thieves did their work so quietly that no one was aroused, and left no clew beyond the strong probability that the job was engineered by cracksmen from Cleveland.

### MINT MADE A RECORD.

#### The Coinage Output Was Greater Last Year Than Ever Refere.

Mr. George E. Roberts, director of the mint, in his annual report, shows that the coinage of the past year was in excess of that executed in any previous gating \$141,351,960, as compared with \$136.855,676 in the last fiscal year. The value of the gold coinage was slightly below that of the previous year, being \$107,937,110, as compared with \$108,177,180. The coinage of silver dollars was 180. The coinage of silver dollars was \$18,244,984, as compared with \$18,254,709 in the previous year. The chief in crease was in the output of subsidiary and minor coins, which surpassed all records, and, it it stated, may doubtless be attributed to the extraordinary activity of retail trade throughout the country. The coinage of subsidiary silver amounted to 54,114,270 pieces of the value of \$12,876,849, and of minor coins to the extraordinary total of 103,301,753 pieces of the value of \$2,243,107. The seignorage, or profit, on this coinage was \$5,477,525.

### CABLE FLASHES.

The czar will review a marine celebra-Vancouver, B. C., is covered by about four feet of snow, which is, still falling.

The liabilities of the 16 brokerage

firms which failed in London aggregate \$10,000,000. The American hospital ship Maine has arrived at Southampton with in-valids from China,

According to advices from Berlin the death of Dowager Empress Frederick is again causing anxiety. Passengers and crew of the steamer

Russie, cast away on the French coast, have been finally rescued. The French Mediterranean fleet will made additional experiments in wireless telegraphy and night signaling.

M. Lukacs, former Hungarian minis ter of commerce, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Danube.

Carlists are agitating in Spain, and the government is sending warships to the coast to prevent the landing of arms. Advices from the Congo Free State

say that a mutiny among native troops has occurred and that serious outrages Twenty persons were killed and 312 made in extreme cases injured in a panic during the fete of Tashi-no-Ichi, in the Kanda district of

Tokyo, Japan. A large meeting of Zionists has voted to call a national Jewish congress for the protection of threatened Hebrew interests in Germany.

A dispatch from Reggio di Calabria announces the arrest of Stephano di Lorenzo, a companion of the celebrated Italian brigand, Mussolino.

All the German pipe foundries, at cording to a dispatch from Cologne, have joined the pipe trust, which is be-ing organized this month.

Heavy weather has set in throughout Spain. Snow is falling and the mail trains are delayed.

It is officially reported that 400 fishermen are missing and that they are supposed to have perished in a storm off the west coast of Japan. Samuel Lewis, of London, the noto-

rious money lender and usurer, who has been called the greatest and meanest of modern Shylocks, is dead. The Bucharest correspondent say that five Roumanian soldiers, while go

ing home, were attacked and eaten by wolves after a desperate struggle. A mass meeting was held at Bares lona for the purpose of formulating a demand upon the Spanish government

for the suppression of bull fights, The Spanish government is projecting the establishment of wireless telegraphy in Spain, Morocco and Teneriffe and the other Canary islands.

Because of William T. Stead's pro-Boerism, the poor law guardians of Wolly, England, have refused to accept his gift of books and pictures for the work house.

Advices state that 120 people frozen to death in a blizzard 35 feet deep. In London a royal commission under

the presidency of Lord Kelvin has been appointed to investigate the recent wide-

Prince Herbert Bismarck disavows the interview which quoted him as saying that Germany had completed plans to engage in a tariff war with the Unite 1 States.

The mail from Demerara brings a r port of large finds of diamonds in the interior of British Guiana. A company has been formed in England to work the claims.

## CHINESE HAVE SIGNED THE NOTE

#### OBJECTIONS ABANDONED.

#### European Powers Object to Proposition to Transfer Future Negotiations to Washton-Suggestion Withdrawn.

As the result of inquiries in authori tative it is given out that the following statement in regard to the Chinese situation is correct: "The Chinese plenipotentiaries have signed the joint note thus concluding the preliminary stage of the negotiations.

With regard to the place for the nego-tiations the feeling favors Shanghai, if any change is made, as it is pointed out that Shanghai is the most important trade center in China and that the southern viceroys, who are favorable to for-eigners and antious to further trade, could make their influence felt. Fail-ing Shanghai, Berlin or Paris is most likely to be chosen. As some of the foreign powers do not iook with favor upon the proposition of the United States for the withdrawal or certain features of the negotiations from Fekin to Washington or some other

Fekin to Washington or some other capital, the President has withdrawn the proposition and has directed the diplomatic representatives of the Unite States abroad to so inform the differen governments.

A Chinaman from Sian Fu, where the court is at present, says that within the city 85,000 Chinese troops are arilling continuously, and the majority of them are armed with modern rifles.

### CHINA WILL BE DIVIDED.

#### England is Said to Have Agreed to the Russian Concessions.

London Daily Chronicle give out the following important statement From a trustworthy source we lear that Lord Salisbury has agreed to cedto Russia the railway from Niu Chwang to Shan Hai Kwam. It is not known what compensation will be received for the concession. Leading financiers, versed in Chinese affairs who were interviewed, appeared to think that, if the news were correct it indicated that Lord Salisbury recognized the impossibility of preventing the partition of China, and that Russia would get the North and Great Britain the Yang Tso valley. The original prospectus of the railway company stipulated that bondholders, mainly British, could bought out at any time at the rate of 120 pounds per 100-pound bond." "Prince Uchtomsky's mission to Pe-

says a St. Petersburg correspond kin," says a St. Petersburg correspond-ent, "was to secure a convention, I un-derstand, on the following basis: In re-turn for renouncing her claim for war indemnity, Russia demands an indefinite, instead of a 90-year lease, of the Liao Tung peninsula and of Port Arthur. In other words she demands annexation, as well as the complete possession of the Manchurian railway which, under the existing agreement, reverts to China after go years.

### FAREWELL ADDRESS.

#### Governor Mount, of Indiana, Makes Refer ence to Lynching and Kidnaping.

Retiring Governor Mount, of Indiana in his farewell message, said in part The people of Indiana feel keenly the sting of reproach and the justice of the criticism heaped upon the State by reason of the brutal lynchings that have dishonored her good name. Lax enforcement of law brings its fruitage of contempt for law. The remode much contempt for law. The remedy must be found through the 20-operation of good citizens in demanding a rigid en-forcement of the law, and not through

recommended. The governor favors the election of

#### death or imprisonment for life. Famous Confederate Colonel Dead.

Robert Maxwell Martin, formerly colonel in the Confederate army, died in a sanitarium in New York, Friday. He was one of Morgan's men, and was the author of the plot to abduct Vice President Johnson on his way to the inauguration. Martin succeeded to the and before the close of the war, when in Canada, formed the plot to abduct Johnson.

## A \$5,000 EMBEZZLEMENT.

## Trusted Bank Messenger Suddenly- Disap-

pears-Leaves No Clue. Harry K. Deer, of West Etna, Pr clearing house messenger for the Farmers and Mechanics bank of Sharps burg, has disappeared with an embez-lement account of about \$5,000 against him and with \$5,000 in worthless checks. The bank is no financial loser by the young man's departure, as it was pro-tected for half the defalcation by a bond on the Equitable Trust Company, of Pittsburg, and covered the remainder of the amount by sales of the young man's stock and holdings. Detectives are on the lookout for Deer, but no clue is known as to his whereabouts.

### After Tax Dodgers.

The Connecticut General Assembly convened Wednesday, and, after organizing in both branches, met jointly to participate in the inauguration of Gov. George P. McLean. In his inaugural George P. atcLean. In his inaugural message Gov. McLean suggested that so-called "moneyed corporations" should be taxed directly by the State, instead of indirectly through their raged for four days over Southern Rus-sia. Railroad trains are buried in drifts to be returned to the towns where the owners reside.

### Whole Family Murdered.

Louis Currier, of Albany, N. aged 40 years, cut his wife's throat, broke his 12-year-old son Archie's head with a base ball bat, took a dose of paris green and then cut his own throat ear to ear with a razor. All are

### Capturing Many Rebels.

Tuesday's dispatches say: Several in-surgent companies have been captured and destroyed recently in various dis-tricts of Luzon and Larole.

### TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

### Fire Breaks Gut in a Section of the Rochester Orphan Asylum—An Explosion Adds to the Horror.

Fire broke out in the hospital section of the Rochester (N. Y.) orphan asylum in Hubbell park at I o'clock Tues-

lum in Hubbell park at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, and the flames spread rapidly to other sections of the institution. It is known that 19 of the children perished, and it is feared that many more victims may be reported later.

The fire was first discovered by two men passing the asylum. They sent in an alarm, and then turned their attention toward arousing the nurses and the children. A terrific explosion was then heard, and in a moment the entire hospital section was in flames.

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On the arrival of the fire apparatus a general alarm was sent in, calling out the entire department. The smoke began to pour out of every window in the main building, and the screams and frantic cries of the children could be heard. The work of rescue began with a will. Children and nurses were carried from the building, all in an unconscious condition, some dead. Ambulances from the city, St. Mary's Homeopathic and Hahnemann hospitals were summoned, and the victims were were summoned, and the victims were removed to the several institutions.

There were 100 children at the hospi-

There were too children at the hospital and a corps of about 30 nurses and attendants. Two of the women attendants are among the dead. The origin of the fire is unknown. The property loss will probably exceed \$20,000.

Later telegrams say: Twenty-eight corpses lie at the morgue, and 13 persons, more or less seriously injured, lie at the hospitals as a result of the terrible holocaust early Monday morning at the Rochester orphan asylum. Of the dead, 26 were children of either sex. ranging in age from 2 to 14 years, while ranging in age from 2 to 14 years, while the remaining two were adults.

### EGERS WHO WANT PEACE.

#### A Committee Declares That Dewet and Steyn Alone Prolong War.

The Boer Central police committee at Kroonstadt. Cape Colony, which in-cludes W. E. DeWet, late assistant chief commandant, three members of the Volksraad and two justices of the peace,

Volksraad and two justices of the peace, has issued a circular appealing for submission to the British. They say:

"The time has arrived for the inhabitants of Orange River colony to make an effort to save the country from further deep to the towns for protection and huge refugee camps have been formed by the British for them. This is caused by an obstinate minority, who will not bow to the inevitable. The British government is willing to settle matters in a way not humiliating to us. We appeal to you to appoint another congress and to nominate men of influence out of your list to visit Mr. Steyn and Gen. DeWet and to try to persuade them to accept the terms Great Britain offers. These two men are the only obstacles to peace. We men are the only obstacles to peace. We ask you to believe us when we say that Mr. Kruger and the late Transvaal government are willing and would already have accepted the British terms, but Mr. Steyn has refused to have anything to do with surrender. He has continued the war and has encouraged the burghers with a hope that we would get European assistance. You know and we know how unfounded that hope is. It is your duty to assist us to make him understand this."

### SOUTHERN EOY KIDNAPED.

## Stolen From School in Atlanta Father Un-

able to Raise Money. Bass Fraser, son of Captain N. H. raser, tax collector of Bullock county, mmended.
governor favors the election of States senators by popular vote clares that kidnaping should be telegram from the boarding house in which his son Bass, 18 years old, was boarding, asking his whereabouts. Monday night Captain Fraser received a let-ter from Memphis, directing him send a letter to Kansas City, Mo., stating a letter to Kansas City, Mo., stating how much ransom he would pay, and if it was sufficient he would hear more about the matter. In order to prove their claim the kidnapers had the son in the heat the son in the letter of the son in the heat the son in the son in the heat the son in t

sign the letter.

The signature was genuine. It is a peculiar affair, as Captain Fraser is an old gentleman of moderate means and greatly troubled because he is absolutely mable to raise money to recover his

Fatal Railway Collision. The most disastrous wreck on the Monongahela branch of the Baltimore & Ohio since its opening to traffic oc-curred Tuesday morning at Everson, W. Va., As a result of what is said to curred Tuesday morning at Everson, W, Va., As a result of what is said to have been a misconstruction of orders issued, two locomotives plunged into each other on a high trestle, toppled over and dashed into a ravine, many cars were demonstrated and seven were killed, while four were injured, one of them seriously.

### Carnegle's New Tube Plant.

Conneaur harbor, Ohio, is to be the site of the most extensive pipe and tube plant in the world, according to an an-nouncement given out by the Carnegie company. About \$12,000,000 will be expended, outside the purchase price of the site, on a complete plant for the manufacture of iron pipe and steel tub-ing, the field in which the National Tube Company now holds almost exclusive

### Fought a Triple Duel.

The Mexico City police have arreste six street car conductors who fought triple duel beyond the city limits of the duelists fought with pistol the other four with swords. Obadly wounded by a pistol she fore any other casualties occ police arrived and took the winto custody.

### AT THE NATIONAL CAPITO

The postoffice at Gale, W. county, has been discontinued East Finley.

Speaker Henderson, who had was Tuesday able to preside of House for the first time. Thursday.